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CONCRETE LABYRINTHOS

#7 The Other School (1)

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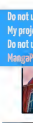
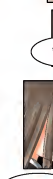
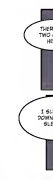




Ref: Melanie ref in Japanese. Other card in Swedish plus.

ANYWAY, THESE CARDS WERE NOT UP PRIOR TO DOING THIS!
I SEE! SO NOT FIX AT ALL!
SO IT WAS A TRICK OF CAN'T FIX. THIS CARD YOU PICKED!
IT'S ABOUT A PATTERN, OR SOMETHING! LOOK! YOU PICKED NO.20 SO WHAT'S NEXT MUST BE NO.21!

AND SHUFFLING CAN BE DECEIVING, ONCE YOU PRACTICE.
I MIGHT ATTEMPT SHUFFLING THEM IN SECRET... IF YOU DO IT A FAR ENOUGH IT WILL LOOK LIKE YOU'RE SHUFFLING...


BUT IT DOESN'T END THERE. A GREAT CHEATER NEEDS TO GO BEYOND THAT!
THE BEAUTY OF THIS MAGIC IS I CAN DO IT 5 TIMES IN A ROW AND STILL BE ABLE TO SHOW YOU THE CORRECT ONE!

THE REASON IT APPEARS YOU DID CLOSELY WAS...
TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION AND NARROW YOUR VIEW
IN OTHER WORDS, I MADE SURE THAT YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SEE.

YOU... YOU...HOW...

HOW?!

AWESOME, RIGHT?!

THE CONCEPT IS EASY.

I REALLY DID AMPUTATE MY ARM.

AND NOW I PUT IT BACK LIKE THIS...

"TADA~

?!

...HOLY.

NOW THAT I'M AMAZING...

WAS THAT MAGIC?

HMM...

HMM... MAGIC...

IT IS MAGIC.

BUT IT'S NOT THE MAGIC WE KNOW

WHAT?

THE CARD MAGIC WAS ACTUALLY A TRICK. A TRICK IS BASICALLY DONE WITH FAST HANDS AND MISDIRECTION.

...OR SO IT SAYS IN THE DICTIONARY...

IN OTHER WORDS, THE CARD MAGIC WAS JUST A TECHNIQUE.

I SEE...

BUT THIS IS MAGIC. THE REAL MAGIC WHERE UNEXPLAINED FORCES EXISTS...

THE AMPUTATION MAGIC...THERE WAS NO TRICK. I SURELY CUT MY ARM.

WHAT'S THAT?

MANNA SEE?

TOSS

CHIK!

A PIECE OF CONCRETE? AND IT HAS SOME KIND OF METAL STUCK IN IT.

AND YOU CAN CUT ANYTHING WITH IT.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, YOU DO A CUTTING MOTION WITH THAT...

REALLY...?

SCRAPE

.....

IT'S NOT WORKING FOR ME...?

LET ME TRY.

SEE?

CUT

"TADA~

WOW...THAT'S AMAZING!

BUT WHY CAN'T I DO IT?

THAT'S THE INTERESTING PART.

THIS [TRICK] SEEMS TO ONLY WORK FOR THE WHO FOUND IT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

[TRICK]...?

YOU FOUND IT?

AH... YOU DON'T KNOW, DO YOU?

I'M TELLING YOU THIS...

BECAUSE YOU ARE MY CLOSE FRIEND...

I HEARD THIS FROM THE FRESHMEN...

YOU KNOW THE BUILDING WHERE THE CLASS-ROOMS ARE?

AT NIGHT, YOU WALK UP FROM THE WESTERN STAIRS.

COUNTING ONE MORE STEP THAN YOU ACTUALLY CLIMB...

AND YOU KEEP WALKING UP

AND WHEN YOU WALK UP TO THE FOURTH FLOOR...

YOU WILL FIND THAT FLOOR TO BE VERY DEAD

ON THE FLOOR, YOU MAY FIND FRAGMENTS...

THAT'S LEAVING OUT PUSH-UP BROOM. WE CALL THEM SPECKING.

IT READS OUR INNER THOUGHTS AND TRIES TO REFLECT OUR WISHES...

IF YOU BECOME CHOSEN BY THAT PIECE.

THE PIECE WILL GRANT YOU AN ABILITY SO THAT YOUR WISH CAN COME TRUE. FOR ME, I WAS GRANTED THIS AMPUTATION MAGIC...

THEY SAY THESE PIECES COME FROM THE OTHER DIMENSION...BUT WHO KNOWS...

ANYWAY, THIS THING... WON'T DO ANYTHING IF USED OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL.

SO MUCH FOR GRANTING WISHES...

IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU KEEP RELYING ON SOME ARTIFACTS, YOU'LL BE IN FOR SOME PAIN.

HMM...

OH YEAH, I ALSO HEARD THAT YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST NOT LET YOUR VOICE OUT ON THE OTHER SIDE

IF YOU DO, I HEARD THAT YOU WILL BE ATTACKED BY THE PIECES.

DAMN... THE SPEAKER WHO WAS SO GOOD JUST...

I ATE TOO MUCH...

WE HAVE NO EVENING CLASSES TODAY, ARE YOU STAYING AT SCHOOL?

WELL... I THINK I'M GOING TO STAY HERE UNTIL 12.

DON'T BEING #1 IN THE SCHOOL GOOD ENOUGH?

#1...? YEAH RIGHT...

THERE CANNOT BE TWO SUNS IN THE SKY.

AND WE HAVE TWO MCS IN OUR SCHOOL. UNTIL I BECOME THE ONLY ONE, ONLY THEN WILL I BE THE TRUE #1...

THERE'S NO GLORY RIGHT NOW!

TWO MCS...? AH, YU SO-HYON?

YEAH.

HMMMM...

YU SO-HYON...

THAT BITCH... SHE HAS BEEN DENYING ME FROM BEING THE GOLD #1 EVERY SINGLE EXAM...
ACTUALLY IT'S TOO POINT-LESS TO EVEN BRING THE ONLY #1 NOW.
AND I WANT TO LAUGH LOUDLY AT HER...
I...SUNK*. *TO BEAT HER FOR ONCE...
Manutoo
I DON'T WANT TO BEAT HER.
AND I'VE GOTTEN FIFTY POINTS IN THIS PAST TERM.

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- DATA FILE -

Ha Yuri
-Level 41 (in gratitude with Ye Ra-Yeon. She has a big problem with the "plus" part and allows to retreat her as soon away possible.

Ye Ra-Yeon
-The Joker* (-1 of Exert high school. She also has an issue with the "plus" part) Very strong.

Iris
-The captain of the art club where she is the only member. She has a theory of "curses by 25th people".